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Major Moves Comments from Tom Sharp, INDOT Commissioner

Last September, Governor Daniels introduced the draft Major Moves plan for Indiana's transportation future. Major Moves is the most exciting program in INDOT's history. Today, I'm pleased to present to you the complete details of the first completely funded 10-year plan in our agency's history.

I would like to take a minute to recap how we arrived at today's monumental announcement.

- In May 2005, INDOT identified a \$2.8 billion gap between promised projects and the money to build them.
- During the summer we sought input from the public on rating projects. More than 3,000 citizens, legislators and elected officials attended public meetings all across the state to provide comments on projects.
- We developed a data-driven system for prioritizing projects. Those ratings were made public and discussed. Economic development is crucial to Indiana and our system dedicates 25% of each project's weighted score to economic development.
- In September 2005, the governor introduced the draft Major Moves plan and recommended how to pay for it without raising taxes.
- In March, the state legislature passed Major Moves legislation that allowed the plan to go from a dream to reality.
- Over the past several months, INDOT's engineers, planners and staff have worked very hard to refine and update the hundreds of projects contained in the original draft plan.

All of this hard work and more has led to today. We are delivering a final, funded, highway plan to the citizens of Indiana. One which will foster business development and expansion in our urban and rural communities.

September's draft Major Moves plan was updated to get it into final form.

- First, there are around 50 additional projects. Mainly those that will preserve our interstate system – which handles about 80 percent of the state's traffic.
- We've accelerated the program from 9 to 10 percent annual growth.
- We're accelerating projects wherever possible.
- Some projects were reclassified from new construction to major preservation. The bottom line is Major Moves is quadrupling new construction to bring jobs and economic development to Indiana.

The Major Moves plan is a living document. Building roads is a complicated process and there will be unforeseen circumstances, beyond INDOT's control, that can delay projects. Land acquisition, utility relocations and other situations will pop-up and delay work. Any delays will only be a blip. Our commitment to Hoosiers is to complete all of these projects as quickly as we can - on budget.

Indiana now has a strong tool to assist with economic development. Indiana's future is to be a global logistics and distribution center. State and local economic development officials and elected leaders can now show companies exactly what highway projects will be built. The uncertainty of what highway projects will be built is gone.

Companies looking to bring their business to Indiana or expand their existing operations now know we are committed to a world-class transportation system.

We are fortunate to have Governor Daniels' leadership and vision. Major Moves will stimulate our economy and create a better, stronger state for our children and grandchildren.

The Major Moves plan can be viewed at: www.in.gov/dot/div/projects/tenyear/